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## STRIKE AT MIDNIGHT UNLESS ROAD YIELDS TO CARMEN'S DEMANDS

Union Employees of Washington Railway and Electric Company Will Vote Tonight on Walk-Out Should Corporation Fail to Accede by Noon Today.

Indications early today were that at midnight those employees of the Washington Railway and Electric Company affiliated with the carmen's union will call a strike that will cripple more than half of the District's rapid transit facilities.

The employees yesterday served an ultimatum on the company which provides that an answer to the new working and wage schedule must be received at noon today. It was signed by G. A. Wilbur, J. W. Cain and M. T. Slater for the employees and was addressed to Clarence P. King, president of the company.

The answer of the company can be forecasted in a manner by the fact that it is believed to have several hundred strikers housed at the Mount Vernon Hotel, in Pennsylvania avenue, and at the Howard House, and 250 or more within an hour's distance of the Capital, quartered at Baltimore hotels.

Further evidence that the company does not propose to accede to the union's demands was evident in the alleged discharge of employees in the company's cars shops and power houses who refused to sign the individual agreements repudiating the union.

**Three Are Discharged.**  
Among those who are said to have been summarily dropped when they refused to sign the individual contracts were Henry Zimmerman and James R. Wilkinson, machinists, and N. Murphy, an electrician.

The officers of the international union, headed by W. D. Mahon, of Detroit, are quartered at the National Hotel and are prepared to carry on the fight to the limit.

Protest will be made today to Maj. Pullman, chief of police, that the strike-breakers being brought into the city are accompanied by armed guards and that for the safety of the Washington public the strike-breakers should be searched before they are permitted to leave Union Station.

Waddell and Mahon, professional strike-breakers of New York, apparently have been engaged to fill the places of the union men in the event of a strike. These advertisements appeared in New York and Philadelphia papers yesterday.

**MOTORMEN.**  
Experienced in channel rail operation of street railway cars; open shop; free board and transportation; call early.

357 Bowery.

**CONTROLLER MEN.**  
Experienced on K 10 and K 11 street railway controllers. Also familiar with car wiring; open shop; free board and transportation; call early.

WASHINGTON.

357 Bowery.

**Asked to Teach "Recruits."**  
Feeling run high last night when the company asked a number of union motormen to teach "recruits" brought from other cities in readiness for strike duty. Union officials declared that none of the union men had assisted in this work and that the instructions to new motormen were given solely by loyal men of the company not affiliated with the organization.

The professional strike-breakers brought here last night are said to have boasted that they would make a quick "clean-up" and depart. Union officials declared, however, they would be disappointed when they learned that the ticket system in vogue in the District would forestall any wholesale "knocking down" of fares, such as has prevailed in other cities where the strike-breakers have been employed.

The series of conferences held yesterday developed no solution of the differences between the Washington Railway and Electric Company and its employees. They served, in a measure, to make the feeling more bitter.

**Confers with D. C. Heads.**

President Clarence P. King, of the company, met the District Commissioners, who the union officials are prepared to accept as arbitrators, but the result of a three hours' conference brought no agreement.

Yesterday morning the employees were hopeful that the agreement reached with the officials of the Capital Traction Company would bring about an agreement with the officials of the other line. President King, however, refuses to deal with the union officials as a body and will treat only with the employees as individual members of the company's force. His statement issued yesterday was a bitter denunciation of the union.

Many conductors and motormen who refused to sign the individual agreement were asked to turn in their badges and were outfitted with new ones. The employees declare the purpose of this movement is to hand over the old badges to the strike breakers and give the impression to the traveling public that the employees wearing them remained loyal to the company.

**King Issues Statement.**

The statement issued by President King yesterday says, in part:  
"This company would be as false to its faithful employees as it would be untrue to the public and itself, if it submitted to such demands or entered into contractual relations with an organization with such declared ideals and purposes."

"Up to about a year ago the company had an efficient organization, well disciplined and satisfied that the company was giving its employees a square deal. Then, as a result of the interference of outside organizations, came the strike of March 5-6, 1916, followed by a year of intolerable conditions, unsatisfactory alike to the members of the newly organized

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## Text of Ultimatum To Railway Company

This is the ultimatum delivered by the street railway employees of the District to President Clarence P. King, of the Washington Railway and Electric Company. Unless a favorable reply is received a strike vote is expected at the union meeting to be held in the Lyceum Theater this midnight:

Mr. Clarence P. King, president, Washington Railway and Electric Company, Washington, D. C.:

Dear Sir:—We take this means of informing you that at a meeting of the street railway employees of this city, held last evening, March 9, we did reach and ratify an agreement with the Capital Traction Company, and its employees who are members of our association, and the employees of your company who are members of the association, passed resolutions instructing that the committee submit to you the same propositions of agreement as have been accepted between our association and the Capital Traction Company and to inform you that we were willing to enter a contract of the same kind with your company.

We would be pleased to hear from you upon this subject and would ask, possibly, that you give us a reply to the same on or before 12 o'clock tomorrow, Sunday, March 11, 1917.

You will address the reply to Room 412, Washington Loan and Trust Building, City.

Awaiting your reply, we remain, Respectfully,

J. W. CAIN,  
J. W. SLATER.

## GOVERNOR TO RESIGN —BUT WHAT OFFICE?

Reports Say Hiram Johnson Will Quit

Senate—Others Say Governorship.

Sacramento, Cal., March 10.—That Gov. Hiram W. Johnson will announce to the legislature next Monday his resignation as governor, and will retire from the executive chair a few days later, is the prediction made this afternoon by the Sacramento Bee, a paper generally regarded as being in the confidence of the governor.

Meantime, however, rumors persist that the governor Monday will announce his intention to resign from the Senate next Monday rather than give up the governorship at this time.

That Gov. Johnson would prefer to retain the governorship to the Senate has never been intimated and political circles are in a mild state of panic as a result. It was said that the governor fears that the work which he has taken him years to do here and on which his entire political reputation is founded, would be imperiled should he quit the governor's chair, in which he has two years yet to serve, for the Senate.

**GERARD DUE IN CITY  
WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON**

Expected to Reach Havana This Morning—Will Sail for Key West.

Ambassador Gerard and a party of forty-four will arrive in Washington at 12:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, traveling in a special train over the Atlantic Coast line from Key West, Fla., according to a dispatch received here last night. On board the steamer Infanta Isabel, the party will dock at Havana this morning and will spend the day and night there, leaving tomorrow morning on the steamer Governor Cobb, of the Pensacola and Occidental Line, for Key West. The train will leave this latter place at 6:30 o'clock tomorrow evening.

Havana, March 10.—The Infanta Isabel, aboard which former Ambassador Gerard is a passenger, will arrive here tomorrow morning, according to a wireless dispatch today.

Mr. Gerard will spend Sunday here, leaving Monday for Key West. He will leave Key West Monday night for Washington.

**Loves Wife But Offers  
To Give Her to Brother**

New York, March 10.—For his wife's happiness, George Holland, wealthy Rome, N. Y., manufacturer, today gave her up to his brother. He made a gift of his wife, Ethel Nolf Holland, to his brother William, who loved her a month after they were married.

With tears streaming down his cheeks, Holland applied for a divorce. He told the judge that his love for his wife was still strong, but that he was ready to sacrifice it in order that she might find happiness with his brother, with whom she said she had found ideal companionship.

The judge reserved decision.

**"THOUGHT AH WAS IN HELL."**

New York, March 10.—Archibald A. Giles, a Virginia negro, who survived the sinking of the British steamer Pina by a torpedo, arrived here today on the Adriatic. He told the following story of the Pina disaster:

"De fust thing Ah knowed, dere was a terrible burn. Den we was all floating 'round in oil. Long come a German submarine and set the oil on fire. Han Ah thought Ah was in hell."

**TON OF DYNAMITE STOLEN.**

Millinocket, Me., March 10.—Government agents began an investigation last night of a report that nearly 2,500 pounds of dynamite had been stolen from the magazine of the Great Northern Paper Company here. Officials of the company admitted some of their dynamite was missing.

Quickest Service to Baltimore. Every Hour on the Hour, Baltimore and Ohio, \$1.75 round trip. Saturdays and Sundays, \$1.50.

## CARRANZA TOLD WILSON OF PLOT

First Chief Risked Life to Warn U. S. of Vast Teuton Intrigue.

By WILLIAM B. GRIFFIN.  
(International News Service.)  
El Paso, Tex., March 10.—First Chief Carranza himself disclosed to President Wilson Germany's offer of a coalition with Mexico and Japan against the United States.

A plot was formed against Carranza's life as a result of this action, but it was discovered in time and the first chief fled to Guadalajara for protection.

These facts were disclosed tonight by investigators for American capitalists who have interests in Mexico. They were made public on the eve of the elections in Mexico tomorrow.

According to the agents' reports, no sooner had Carranza disclosed the German's note offering Germany's backing for Mexico in a war with the United States, than Mexico's executive dispatched a special messenger to Washington with the German foreign secretary's original letter.

The first chief's move was quickly discovered by Mexican agents with German leanings and the assassination plot was about to be carried out when it was discovered.

Carranza's action in warning President Wilson of the German intrigue is said to explain the change of front on the part of the American administration toward Mexico and to mark the beginning of new phases in the relations between the two countries.

Besides sending Ambassador Fletcher to Mexico City, exchanges of courtesies between military officers of the two republics were begun Friday's cavalry review here. Gen. Pablo Gonzalez and Gen. Murguia, commander at Juarez, were guests of Gen. George Bell, Jr., commanding the El Paso district.

Gen. Murguia is planning a review of his troops in Juarez, at which American military officials will be his guests.

Gen. Pershing recently visited Matamoros, opposite Brownsville.

German agents in El Paso and Mexico are said to have given up all hope of winning over Mexico as a result of Carranza's warning to President Wilson. The first chief's election tomorrow practically will be unanimous. Then, according to reports prevalent in El Paso, Washington will recognize the Carranza government formally, which is already arranging a large loan in the United States.

While this condition will increase Carranza's strength considerably, Villa continues to prove a serious menace to the de facto rule in Northern Mexico.

**ALL JAP RESOURCES  
AT ALLIES' DISPOSAL**

Count Terauchi, Nippon Statesman.

Assures Support of Entente.

By FREDERIC COLEMAN.

(Copyright, 1917, by the International News Service.)  
In view of Great Britain's important relations with Japan it is advisable that something should be known of the statesman who leads the Japanese government today and therefore is largely responsible for Japan's foreign policy—Count Terauchi.

I pointed out to him that I was returning to England immediately and therefore might be made the vehicle of a pronouncement that would explain to the British people the foreign policy of Japan.

"You may give the people of England, if you will, a message from the Terauchi cabinet," he said. "It is a matter of the greatest regret to me that circumstances have made it impossible or at least impracticable to place an envoy of Japan in the line of the front line where they could wage war against the common foe. Although we cannot apparently hope to take such part as that in the war, you may tell the people of England from the Terauchi cabinet that, in our solemn intention, to leave no stone unturned to assist our allies by every means in our power."

"All our resources such as they are or may be at the disposal of the Allies."

This message may be taken to represent the policy of the Japanese government, the most important classes in Japan.

**RELIEF SHIP FLYING  
U. S. FLAG IS SUNK**

Norwegian Vessel Stordal Is Victim of Teuton U-Boat.

London, March 10.—The Norwegian steamer Stordal, flying the American flag, in the Belgian relief service, has been sunk by a submarine. It was announced here this afternoon. The Stordal displayed the regulation relief ship signals. All members of the crew were landed, but one died of exposure.

There was one American in the crew of twenty-seven.

Official information received here said that when the Stordal entered the submarine zone she was ordered to put into Las Palmas, in the Canary Islands. Apparently, her commander chose to risk submarine dangers.

**Wilson's Cold Better;  
Joins Family Circle**

President Wilson's cold was much better last night and he had so greatly improved that he was able to sit up for awhile with the members of the White House family circle. Dr. Grayson felt very much encouraged over the President's general condition.

The President probably will be able to return to the Executive offices early next week, although Dr. Grayson has urged him not to over-tax his strength. After three days of confinement to bed, he must necessarily have a few days of complete rest and outdoor diversion to regain his fullest vitality.

**TEUTON LEAVES U. S.**

New York, March 10.—Coinciding with the announcement of an alleged wireless plot between Germany and Mexico, it was reported today that Gustave Routhen, one of the engineers of the Telefunken Company, has left for Mexico.

## Berlin Says U-Boats Sunk 877,838 Tons

(By International News Service.)  
New York, March 10.—Destruction by U-boats in the barred zone of the Mediterranean between February 14 and March 3, of nine steamers and three sailing ships, aggregating a tonnage of 32,000, was announced by Berlin today.

Today's report brings the total tonnage reported by Berlin to have been destroyed since February 1, up to 877,838.

The tonnage of the Belgian relief ship Stordal, which was sunk by London, brings the total up to 877,838 tons.

**WIFE SHOTS SELF**

Woman, Dreading Return to Husband, Attempts Life.

Crying that she would rather be dead than live with her husband, Mrs. Julia Thompson, 30 years old, tried to take her life by shooting herself at the home of her mother, 1741 Eighth street northwest, at 8:30 o'clock last evening.

The tragedy was the result of alleged cruel treatment and neglect on the part of her husband, Ambrose Thompson, 23 years old, a baker, of La Plata, Md.

Hearing two shots fired, the brother of the woman and found his sister lying on the floor and found his sister lying on the floor with a revolver clamped in her hand. He carried her down stairs and phoned for an ambulance. Seeing an automobile across the street, he wrapped a blanket about his unconscious sister, carried her to the machine, and rushed her to Garfield Hospital.

At an early hour this morning the physicians entertained hope for the girl's recovery.

While the brother carried Mrs. Thompson downstairs, her two small children looked on with wondering eyes. When their mother was taken into the street to the automobile, the little tots started crying and wanted to follow her.

Mrs. Alice Ulrich, the mother of Mrs. Thompson, was not at home at the time. She had gone to visit her mother, who is seriously ill.

No one was in the room when Mrs. Thompson attempted to take her life. She went to her room with the apparent intention of getting ready to retire. One bullet took effect in the region of her heart and the other went wild and lodged in the wall near a dresser.

Mrs. Thompson came to visit her mother two weeks ago, when, she claimed, life with her husband was intolerable.

During her stay here, Mrs. Thompson continually brooded over her marital unhappiness.

The husband was formerly a baker in Washington, having worked at several large hotels here. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson have been married four years.

**SHOOT BANK RUNNER;  
GETS \$10,000; IS TAKEN**

Highwayman Does Wild West Stunt on Philadelphia Street.

Philadelphia, March 10.—A Federal Reserve Bank messenger was held up on the street here today, shot and robbed of a satchel containing \$1,500 in cash and \$3,600 in checks.

The highwayman was captured and the satchel was recovered. Brand gave his name as Frank Smith, of Chicago.

David Findoff, the messenger, is in a hospital with bullet wounds in the legs and arms. He will recover.

**Get-Acquainted "Ad"**

Lures Away Girl, 16

New York, March 10.—Mary Anna Roth, the 16-year-old daughter of John Roth, of Yonkers, disappeared Tuesday, and her family believes she went to meet a man who had answered an advertisement she inserted in a "get-acquainted" column in a Western magazine.

Copies of the magazine and several letters from Miss Theresa Roth, Mary's sister. Her father turned them over to Charles H. Warner, superintendent of the Westchester County Children's Society.

In the "get-acquainted" advertisement Mary gave her age, said she was attractive, and added a detailed description of herself. She weighs 120 pounds, is 5 feet 5 inches tall and is well formed.

**Pastor Applies Bible  
To Present U. S. Crisis**

Rev. Forrest Granger, pastor of Gunton Temple Memorial Presbyterian Church, replies to the question, "What is the Church to do?" in a sermon especially written for The Washington Herald and printed on page 8 of this issue.

The pastor outlines his reasons why the church is to him just what it was in years gone by. The application of the Scriptures to present day affairs not only of individuals but of the nation in the present crisis, for instance, is shown by the pastor.

**Do Your Bit.**

The Washington Herald is printing advertisements for the District National Guardsmen who are looking for positions.

Give them all the co-operation possible in securing work.

## TO SEARCH OUT FOREIGN SPIES

Blanket Authority Given U. S. Agents to Apprehend Anti-American Plotters.

(By the International News Service.)  
New York, March 10.—Blanket authority to search out and arrest foreign-directed spies who have made plans to cripple New York in a military and economic way, in the event of war, has been given to the local Secret Service and Department of Justice agents.

As a result a surveillance system has been built up which extends to all points of military importance in the vicinity of the city and to all agencies of public service and public buildings.

The Federal grand jury continues its investigation of the India plot Monday. Further study will be devoted to the Von Igel papers. It is expected indictments will be returned early next week.

Arrangements were being made today to bring to New York "Capt." Alfred A. Fritzen, alleged Weiland Canal plotter arrested Friday in Los Angeles. Fritzen was arrested, it is said, largely through the instrumentality of Madeline Bunge, a French girl, who knew him as "Count Kruger."

Discovery of a portable and powerful wireless apparatus, capable of picking up messages from as far away as Berlin, was made, following the arrest of Max Hans Ludwig Wax, a native of Germany, today. Wax was arrested on a technical charge of "wiretapping" by means of a machine which he called a "money-making machine."

**Kept Set in Trunk.**  
Police declare that Wax's machine is a part of a complete wireless outfit. The mechanical instrument was found in a trunk which had been kept at the Grand Central Station for several days, and its sides were covered with shipping tags, indicating that Wax had been carrying the apparatus with him to many places in the United States.

Several tubes of an unknown chemical code messages and drafts from the Imperial German Embassy in Berlin were also found in Wax's effects. One of the drafts was for \$12,000. Wax admitted receiving money from Berlin, but said it came from relatives.

Charges made by investigators that funds to the extent of \$5,000,000 raised for relief of German sufferers by charity bazaars throughout the United States have never left this country. Instead these funds, agents say, have been kept here for the use of Wax in propaganda work for the German cause.

More than \$3,000,000 was spent for the

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## "PEACOCK ALLEY GIRL" IS SUED FOR DIVORCE

Millionaire Husband Charges Two Previous Marriages Before His Own.

(By the International News Service.)  
New York, March 10.—Mrs. Frances Hanan Brand, said to be the best known in Chicago as "The Millionaire Girl of Peacock Alley," has been named defendant in a suit for annulment of marriage contract, by James H. Brand, her millionaire husband, who lives at the Hotel Manhattan here. Brand's complaint was filed secretly, several weeks ago. It was brought to light by the filing of Mrs. Brand's answer.

The Brands were married in Florida, in February, 1916. They then came North and soon quarreled. Brand, going West, Mr. Brand alleges that two months after the marriage he found that Mrs. Brand had previously married Arthur W. Harris, of Los Angeles, under the name of Genevieve Hanan, of Iowa.

This marriage, Brand declares, grew out of a sprightly champagne supper at which it was proposed that all those present get married immediately. Harris and "Miss Hanan" are said to have led the procession to the altar.

"As a matter of fact," Brand declares, "she was not at that time in position to contract a marriage for she was already the wife of Albert V. Baldsen to whom she was married in Dayton, Iowa, in 1908."

**PERUVIAN SOLDIERS  
QUELL CUZCO RIOTS**

Situation Throughout Republic Still Looks Ominous, Though.

Lima, Peru, March 10.—Troops have arrived at Cuzco, capital of the old empire of the Incas, and are patrolling the state to prevent further riots. The situation throughout the republic remains serious. Strict censorship over dispatches from interior cities continues in effect.

Dispatches from Lima yesterday reported serious rioting in Cuzco resulting in the death of several persons, and said that troops had been called out at the funeral of Deputy Grau, son of Admiral Grau, of the Peruvian navy.

**Thief Tries to Escape,  
Crying "Fire!" in Hotel**

Baltimore, March 10.—Guests in Hotel Joyce were aroused from sleep early this morning when a thief, detected in the act of robbing Benjamin Carr, of Laurel, Md., as he lay asleep in his room, yelled "Fire!" to attract attention from himself while he sprinted down a corridor to evade capture.

But for George Gray, colored, one of the hotel's porters, the intruder probably would have made good his escape. Gray grabbed the stranger and the investigation which followed resulted in Harry Martin, 17 years old, of Philadelphia, Pa., facing Judge Stanley in Western Police Court several hours later for stealing \$12 and a pocketknife from Carr.

**WAR BANS "LOOPING LOOP"**

Boston, March 10.—Godfrey L. Cabot, president of the Aero Club of New England, requested a legislative committee today to report favorably a bill to prohibit "looping the loop," vertical diving and other hazardous feats by aviators.

He said there were only 100 competent aviators in the country, all of whom would be needed for government service in case of war.

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Consult Baltimore and Ohio Agents about your travel problems. They will tell you of our splendid through service at frequent hours, day and night, to New York, Philadelphia, and Washington.

## PLANS TO ARM SHIPS RUSHED BY OFFICIALS BEHIND SECRECY VEIL

Movements of Vessels and Steps to Protect Craft From Attack is Screened From the Public.

**"SUBS" TO BE SUNK ON SIGHT**

U-Boats Will Be Beaten Off If They Approach Vessels in Submerged Condition, Officials Declare.

Behind a curtain of secrecy, and with ominous calm, the United States last night went about the business of arming its merchantmen to combat submarines in the German war zone.

Elaborate precautions to shroud with secrecy all of the movements of armed ships were planned at a conference between Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo and Counselor Polk of the State Department.

All of the Treasury Department's control of the port and harbor waters of the United States will be exercised to safeguard the merchant ships which will brave the hidden dangers of the submarine zone, under orders to sink at sight an undersea boat approaching in a threatening manner.

**MERELY AN ACT OF DEFENSE.**

Following the decision of the State Department that the sinking of a submarine by an armed merchant ship would be merely an "act of defense" if the submarine was in a position to attack, the administration ordered the utmost precautions to conceal armed ships' movements, and to facilitate their sailings.

The State Department announcement that American ships will sink suspicious submarines "on sight" was followed by a significant visit to the State Department by Dr. Paul Ritter, the Swiss Minister, now in charge of the affairs of Germany in this country. Dr. Ritter conferred at length with Counselor Polk.

After the conference neither the Swiss Minister nor the State Department would discuss the visit, but it was understood that the Swiss diplomat had presented informally to the department the views of Germany as to the arming of American merchant ships. The German communication was in the form of a protest, it was stated, and indicated no change in Germany's announced determination to sink without warning all vessels, neutral or belligerent, armed or unarmed, found in the barred zone. It was understood at the State Department that the German expression will not call for any reply from the United States.

Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo and Counselor Polk went over all arrangements for clamping the lid of secrecy on all of the usual ship news distributed through the Treasury Department, which keeps track of all sailings and arrivals at American ports. They also discussed the use of all of the customs service machinery for facilitating the secret departure and arrival of American armed ships. All rules as to the publication of clearance papers, and all of the red tape surrounding the clearance of vessels will be suspended, and the Federal authorities will exert every effort to aid the armed merchantmen in making their voyages under war-time secrecy. There will be no announcement as to the details of the changes in customs procedure.

**ENGLAND HIDES LOSS  
OF OVERSEAS TONNAGE**

British Writers Quoted by Berlin to Prove Food Supply Is Threatened.

(By the International News Service.)  
Berlin (via Sayville), March 10.—A mass of quotations from British writers and reports from other sources was given out by the Overseas News Agency today to show that the U-boat campaign is seriously threatening the entire food supply.

The British weekly Truth is quoted as saying, under date of February 23, concerning the British government's attempts to appease public opinion about the U-boat war:

"Such artificial statistics of our government do more harm than good. We are face to face with an attempt to blockade us. The successes of that blockade are not reduced by the fact that we introduce, in a misleading manner, into our statistics the arrivals and departures of warships and coast patrol."

"Only the overseas traffic can be counted and if our government wants to enjoy public confidence any suspicion of cheating in such matters must be avoided."

"The masses may be deceived, but the enemy, the neutrals and our ship owners will not be caught by such means."

**GOMPERTS WOULD BAR  
ANTI-STRIKE LAWS**

Calls A. F. of L. Members to Unite Against National Legislation.

New York, March 10.—President Samuel Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, today called upon members to unite against national legislation to prevent strikes pending government investigation. His call was issued to the 2,000,000 members of the federation and the 500,000 railroad workers. In his call Gompers said:

"The yoke of slavery must not be fastened upon America's